

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appellants: Andrea Hughs-Baird, et al.
Appl. No.: 10/086,014
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Title: GAMING DEVICE HAVING IMPROVED OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE
GAME WITH MASKED OFFERS
Art Unit: 3714
Examiner: Robert E. Mosser
Docket No.: 0112300-610

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated July 9, 2007.

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated July 9, 2007, Appellants have complied with the stated objections. The compliant version of the Appeal Brief is submitted herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any fees which may be required in association with this Response and this Appeal Brief.

Appellants submit that the present Corrected Appeal Brief is compliant under 37 CFR 41.37. Appellants respectfully request reconsideration of this Corrected Appeal Brief and submit that the Patent Office has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of anticipation with respect to the rejection of the rejected claims. Accordingly, Appellants respectfully submit that the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection and the 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph rejection are erroneous in law and in fact and should therefore be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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